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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed to help the dependent child of a parent officially listed by the Department of Defense as a Prisoner of War (POW) or as Missing in Action (MIA) in Southeast Asia to locate possible sources of financial assistance for postsecondary education. The first two sections cover the three origins of benefits available: the state, the Federal Veterans Administration (VA), and private scholarships. For each state, the specific law that applies to educational aid for POW/MIA dependents is cited; eligibility requirements are outlined; the benefits are described, including the location of schools where they may be applied; and addresses for additional information and application forms are given. Section 3 outlines how to obtain the facts and forms needed to apply for financial aid, including the service report of casualty form, the VA claim number, a social security number, proof of residence, birth certificate, and adoption or legal custody certificate. Additional sources for information are listed in section 4. (ELG)

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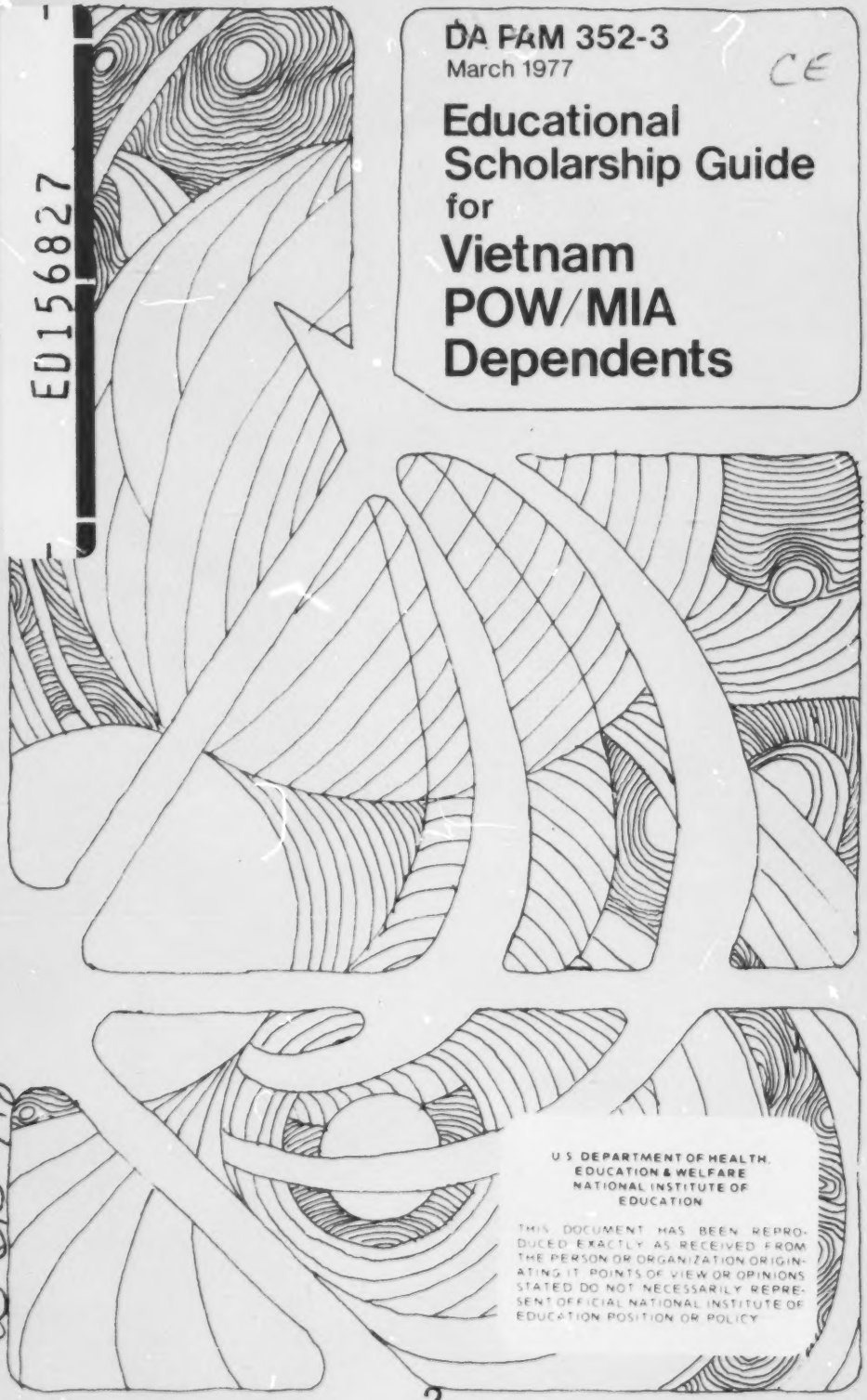

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You are the dependent child* of a parent officially listed by the Department of Defense as a Prisoner Of War (POW) or Missing In Action (MIA) in Southeast Asia. That fact may make you eligible for certain educational benefits.

If the status of your parent has changed to Killed In Action (KIA) *you may* be eligible for additional educational benefits.

If your POW parent returned home, *you may not* be eligible for any educational benefits.

This guide is specifically designed to help you, the POW/MIA dependent, locate possible sources of financial assistance while attending:

- College or university
- Trade or industrial school
- School of Nursing
- Other post secondary school training

FACTS: There is a 25-year age span between eligible dependents. This pamphlet is being sent to all of you in the hope that it will benefit the majority either now or in the future.

What is available in 1977 may change as the years go by. Even now, this pamphlet should *not* be considered a complete explanation of State Grants and other Scholarships available to you. Your school or Veterans' Administration counselors can recommend additional resources for you to use.

IMPORTANT

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This guide describes all known Grants and Scholarships specifically naming POW/MIA Dependents.

There are three separate categories of educational benefits.

1. Benefits provided by State law (section 1);
2. Educational benefits provided by the Federal Veterans' Administration (section 2);
3. Scholarships available by individual application (section 2).

Read each category carefully. It is possible that you may be eligible for all three categories.

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Section 1.

State Laws

- Many States have passed legislation which provides educational benefits to POW/MIA dependents and to children of deceased and disabled Veterans

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State Laws:

Laws are different in each State

Some States have excellent educational grant programs for POW/MIA dependents. Other States have no law at all.

Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help you determine where, or if, you qualify for a State Educational Grant.

Name the State

1. Your POW/MIA parent entered the service from _____
2. Your POW/MIA parent was a permanent resident of _____
3. You are a resident of _____
4. Your mother's home state _____

Status of your Parent *Check here*

1. Currently listed as MIA/POW _____
2. Now listed as KIA (deceased) _____
3. Returned POW _____

Now, using the answers as a guide, turn to the States you have listed to find if you are eligible.

State Laws

	Kind of Law					Schools Where Law Applies		Who is Eligible				
	POW/MIA Dependents only	Combined Veterans Law	No Law	Limited Law	Within State	Anywhere in US	Child of currently listed MIA	Child of Deceased Veteran (KIA)	Child of Returned POW	Child of Disabled Veteran	Spouse of Veteran	Page
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* These States have a separate Educational Benefit Law for dependents of deceased veterans (KIA).

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ALABAMA

Title 60 Chapter 82 (1973)
Alabama GI and Dependents
Educational Benefit Act

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW
• Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: • Veteran's (POW/MIA's) permanent residency was Alabama for 1 year prior to entrance into Service
OR
• Dependent is a bona-fide resident of Alabama for 5 years prior to filing an application.

Conditions: • Age: Application must be made prior to 26th birthday.
• Training must be completed within 8 years after application. Training may not be received beyond 34th birthday.
• Filing of application is the initiation of training.
• Applicant must be accepted at, or attending, an Alabama School.

Description of Benefit

Where: • Any Alabama State institution of higher learning.
• Trade School—for prescribed course of study—if there is a remaining entitlement after trade school, it can be taken at a State supported college or university only.

Amount: • Full tuition and instructional fees and books (State benefits are available in addition to Federal Government benefits). • One change of program is permitted.

Time limit: • 4 standard academic years, not to exceed 36 months. Training must be completed within 8 years after initiation.

Application and Information

Department of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 1509
Montgomery, Alabama 36102

Certification needed: *
Affidavit of Residency
DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
VA Claim Number

*See Section 3.

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: • *Bona fide Alaska resident of POW/MIA.*

Conditions: • None given

Description of Benefit

Amount: • *Free tuition and fees*

Time Limit: • None given

Where: • Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an Alaska State supported educational institution:

University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Southcentral Regional Center
2651 Providence Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Anchorage Senior College
3211 Providence Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Anchorage Community College
2533 Providence Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Kenai Peninsula Community College
P.O. Box 954
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Tanana Valley Community College
Box 95163
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Sitka Community College
P.O. Box 1090
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Northern Region
University of Alaska
Box 95163
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Kodiak Community College
P.O. Box 954
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Kuskokwim Community College
Box 581
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Matanuska-Susitna Community College
P.O. Box 86
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Southeastern Regional Center
Box 1447
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Southeastern Senior College
Box 1447
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Juneau Douglas Communty College
P.O. Box 135
Auke Bay, Alaska 99821

Ketchikan Community College
P.O. Box 358
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Application and Information

Contact school directly: c/o Financial Aids Officer

*Certification needed:**
DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
VA Claim Number

*See Section 3.

ARIZONA

Arizona did not respond to our request for information.
No known educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Act 188 of 1973

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased POW/MIA
Born before or during POW/MIA status.

Residency requirement: • POW/MIA was a resident of Arkansas at the time he entered service
OR
• If POW/MIA's official residence is within Arkansas.

Conditions: • Applicant must be accepted for enrollment in any State-supported institution.

Description of Benefit

Where: • In Arkansas State-supported institution of higher education.
OR
• State supported technical or vocational school.

Amount: • Tuition fee or other charge from the institution or school.

Time limit: • To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Department of Higher Education
401 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

*Certification needed:**
DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
VA Claim Number

*See Section 3

CALIFORNIA

Military and Veterans Code 890-899

California benefits are granted only after Federal benefits are exhausted.

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased veteran (KIA)

Residency requirement:
- Currently listed POW/MIA—parent must be a California resident.
- KIA—1. Applicant must be a native of California
  OR
  2. Have five years residence immediately preceding application.

Conditions: • Age: 14 to 27 years. • If applicant is eligible for Federal benefits, they must be used before applying for California benefits.

Description of Benefit

Eligible high school students receive $20 a month.
Eligible college level students receive
1. Tuition
2. *And* $50 a month

Where: • Any *approved* college, university, vocational school in or out of State.

Application and Information

Department of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 1559 (1227 "O" Street)
Sacramento, California 95807

COLORADO

C.R.S. (1973) 23-5-111

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA
Born or conceived before the time child's father became POW/MIA

Residence requirements: • POW/MIA was a resident of Colorado at the time of entering service.

Conditions: * • Approval by the Commission on Higher Education will be based on financial need. • Applicant must be accepted for enrollment in Colorado State supported school.

Description of Benefit

Where: In Colorado State-supported institutions of higher learning, technical or vocational school.

Amount: Tuition.

Time limit: 12 academic quarters, or 8 academic semesters to obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

To maintain scholarship: Student must achieve and maintain the standards of the institution.

Application and Information

Commission on Higher Education
503 State Office Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

*Certification needed:**
DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
VA Claim Number

*See Section 3

CONNECTICUT

Section 10-26 1969
Amended 1972

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • 100% Disabled Veteran

Residence requirement: • MIA/KIA State of residency was Connecticut at the time of induction into the military.

Conditions: • Age—16 to 23, inclusive. • Approval of application by the State Commission.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any approved post secondary institution in US including:
• Institution of higher learning • Commercial training • Vocational school • Technical institute • Military prep school if entering Service academies

Amount: $400 or less a year. Paid to the institution--for tuition, fees, books, supplies, board and room. Student must reapply annually.

Application and Information

Commission for Higher Education
P.O. Box 1320
Hartford, Connecticut 06101

*Certificates needed:**
(only for initial application)
• Applicant's Birth Certificate—copy • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Certificate of parent's residency in Connecticut.

*See Section 3

DELAWARE

Law: Title 14 Chap 36
Sec 3601-3606

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA)

Residency requirements: Parent's State of residence was Delaware one full year immediately preceding entry into military service

AND

Dependent shall have been a resident of the State for at least three years prior to date of application.

Conditions: Age—16 through 24 years of age. • Applicant must be attending or admitted for attendance at an educational institution beyond high school level.

Description of Grant

Where: • *In Delaware*—Any public or private institution • OR *any other State*—if there is no Delaware institution providing the desired instruction.

Amount: $525 per year for payment of room, board, tuition, and fees *OR* the amount of tuition per year, whichever is greater.

Time limit: 4 years of training or education.

Application and Information

Write to:

Scholarship Advisory Council
State Department of Public Instruction
John G. Townsend Bldg
Dover, Delaware 19901

*Certification needed:**

DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
VA Claim Number
Social Security Number

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

No State educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

*See Section 3

FLORIDA

Law: Chapter 295 Florida Statute, as Amended

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • 100% Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: • POW/MIA entered service from Florida
AND
Dependent's State of residency for 5 years immediately preceding application for education benefit.

Conditions: • Age—Must enroll between 16 and 22 years of age. • School acceptance or application made as a full-time undergraduate student.

Description of Grant

Where: • Florida—State supported schools. University, community colleges, vocational and technical centers.

Amount of grant: • Tuition and college imposed fees • Funds are disbursed through the institution to the student.

Time limit: • 8 semesters of 12 quarters • Grant must be renewed each academic year.

Standards necessary to retain scholarship: • Good conduct and academic standing by student.

Application and Information

Write to:
Director
Division of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 1437
St Petersburg, Florida 33731

*Certification needed:**

DD Form 1300
VA Claim number (if deceased)
Verification of Florida residency
(3 letters from Florida residents who know you)
Social Security Number

*See Section 3

GEORGIA

Amendment to the Constitution—No. 113
March 28, 1972

This law is not applicable if the dependent is eligible for Veterans' Administration Educational Benefits.

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a bona fide resident of Georgia at the time of entering the Armed Forces.

Conditions: Age—18 to 26 years. Marriage is permitted.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Georgia school in the university system and vocational-technical institutions

Amount: Tuition grant

Time limit: 36 months (or the equivalent in part-time training)

Information

Write to:
Georgia State Scholarship Commission
State Board of Education
244 Washington Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

HAWAII

Hawaii did not respond to our request for information.
No known educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

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IDAHO

Law: HB 665
POW/MIA/Scholarship
Act 1972

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA)

Residency requirement: Parent was an Idaho citizen
AND
applicant is a resident of Idaho after June 1, 1972.

Conditions: • Must be academically qualified for higher education.
• Age limits—none.

Description of Grant

Where: • Within the State of Idaho, any public institution of higher education • Or public vocational/technical school.

Amount: • Tuition and fees. • Books, equipment, supplies (not to exceed $100 a month). • On campus housing and subsistence furnished.

How paid: To the institution.

Time limit: 36 months
OR
4-nine month periods.

Application and Information

Write to:
Idaho Veterans' Affairs Commission Service Office
Veteran's Administration Center
Boise, Idaho 83707

*Certification needed:**
DDForm 1300, Report of Casualty
Birth Certificate

*See Section 3

ILLINOIS

LAW:
HB 4592-4219
and 295

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Permanently Disabled Veteran (child born before or during POW/MIA status).

Resident requirement: Either parent was a permanent Illinois resident when POW/MIA status occurred.

Description of Benefit

Where: Within state of Illinois, any not-for-profit institution of higher learning.

Amount: Paid tuition and mandatory fees. (Rate is established by State Scholarship Commission.)

Time limit: 10 semesters or 15 quarters. Full or part-time study. Includes undergraduate and graduate study.

Application and Information

Write to:
Illinois State Scholarship Commission
102 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

*Certification needed:**
• DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Social Security Number

*See Section 3

INDIANA

Senate Act 256
Public Law 88, 1972

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA's State of residency was Indiana when entering the Armed Forces.

Conditions: Applicant must be enrolled or accepted at Indiana State-supported institution (list below).

Description of Grant

Where and amount: • Indiana Colleges and Universities (including regional schools). Remission (subtraction) of $560 per year from tuition and fees. • Indiana Vocational/Technical College (including 13 regional institutes). Remission (subtraction) of $120 per 12 week term from fees.

Time limit: 4 years as a full-time student (part-time is prorated). To be completed within 8 years after application.

Application and Information

To attend: Colleges and Universities: Write to: Division of Financial Aid at:
Purdue University
Ball State at Muncie
Indiana State at Terra Haute
Indiana State at Bloomington

To attend any branch of the IVY/Tech: Write to:
Indiana Vocational/Technical College (Central Office)
5221 Ivy Tech Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268

Certification needed: • Birth Certificate (proof of parent relationship) • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Proof of Indiana residency of parent: (Preferably by a certified copy of Indiana gross income tax statement for year year preceding casualty).

IOWA

Two Laws

Law 1

Senate File 1136 64th General Assembly Code (1975) 35.12

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA

Residency requirement: Dependent child must have lived in Iowa 2 years immediately preceding application.

Conditions: • Application must be approved by the Bonus Board of Iowa. • Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Description of Grant

Where: • Within the State of Iowa, any post high school institution of higher learning • Vocational/Technical school • Trade School • Professional School

Amount: • Funds sufficient, when coupled with other State and Federal grants and aids, to pay all fees; tuition and books included. • Paid directly to the school.

*See Section 3

Time limit: • 36 months of full time enrollment. • Enrollment may be continuous or non-continuous.

Application and Information

For application and approval, write to:
Iowa Bonus Board
c/o Executive Secretary
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

*Certification needed:**
Birth Certificate. DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty. Names of two references.

Law 2 — Code (1975) 35.7-35.11

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran (KIA)

Residency requirement: Applicant must have lived in Iowa two years prior to application.

Conditions: • Applicant approved by Bonus Board • Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Description of Grant

Where: • Any approved Iowa State educational institution or trade school.

Amount: • $400 maximum a year for tuition and fees, board, room, and expenses. • Maximum amount per student is $2,000 total.

Application and Information

For application and approval write to:
Iowa Bonus Board
c/o Executive Secretary
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

*Certification needed:**
Birth Certificate • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Names of two references.

*See Section 3

KANSAS

Law: 73-1216 & 1217

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA born before or during POW/MIA status.

Residency requirement: POW/MIA parent's State of residency was Kansas at the time of entering military service.
AND
applicant resided in State April 1, 1972.

Conditions: Application must be approved by the Kansas State Veteran's Commission which has the authority to administer the act.

Description of Grant

Where: • Within state of Kansas—at *all* post high school educational institutions supported by the State.

Amount: • Free tuition and fees. • Paid to the institution.

Time limit: 12 semesters or the equivalent.

Application and Information

Application can be made through the school or write to:

Kansas Veteran's Commission
701 Jackson Street
Topeka, Kansas 66603

*Certification needed:**
DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number

*See Section 3

KENTUCKY

Law: KRS 164.505

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased KIA • Permanently disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: POW/MIA's State of residency was Kentucky for a period of not less than 5 years immediately preceding June 16, 1966.

Conditions: Applicant must be a graduate of an accredited high school as recognized by the State Department of Education. Age—Over 17 and under 23. (dependent can add their military service years on to age 23)

Description of Benefit

Where: Within the state of Kentucky—Any State-supported institution of higher education or State-supported vocational training school.

Amount: Matriculation fee or tuition, administered by each individual educational institution.

Time limit: 36 months or less: in order to obtain diploma or a Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Application can be made through the school or write to:

Higher Education Assistance Authority
120 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Birth Certificate to show parentage and age

*See Section 3

LOUISIANA

Act 131 of 1972
Amended Sec 288

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA)

Residency requirement: POW/MIA parent was a resident of Louisiana for 12 months immediately preceding entrance into service.

Conditions: • Age—between 16th and 25th birthday. • Applicant must be enrolled in college or university • Marriage is permitted

Description of Grant

Where: In Louisiana State-supported college, university, and schools listed below

Amount: • All tuition and college imposed fees.
AND
Payment of $500 cash per school year subsistence allowance *unless* receiving VA educational benefits, then dependent receives $150 each school year.

Time limit: 4 school years maximum (to be completed within a 5 year time frame from date of original application entry). A school year is defined as 2 regular semesters, plus a summer session (if the eligible student elects to attend such summer session).

Additional benefit: Counseling is provided to assist eligible dependents in receiving maximum benefits from State and Federal Government.

Application and Information

Write to:
Administration Office
Department of Veterans Affairs
4th Floor, Old State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate—providing age and relationship to parent. • Proof of residency (forms provided by LA) • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number

Eligible Schools

State-supported colleges and universities in Louisiana:

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Louisiana State University, New Orleans
Louisiana State University, Alexandria
Louisiana State University, Shreveport
Louisiana State University, Eunice
University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette
Southern University, Scotlandville
Southern University, New Orleans
Southern University-Shreveport and Bossier City Campus, Shreveport
Northwestern State University, Natchitoches
Louisiana Tech University, Ruston
Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe
Southeast Louisiana University, Hammond
McNeese State University, Lake Charles
Nichols State University, Thibodaux
Grambling College, Grambling
School of Nursing, State-supported hospitals

*See Section 3

MAINE

Law:
Title 37-A
Sections 50.J—50.M

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: The POW/MIA must have been a resident of Maine at the time of entry into Service.
OR
dependent must be a resident of Maine for 5 years immediately before making application.

Conditions: • Age—Application must be made between 16 and 21 years of age (unless in Military Service, then to age 25) • Applicant must be a high school graduate.

Description of Benefit

Where and amount: • Free tuition in institutions of higher education supported by the State of Maine.[1]
OR
Up to $300 per year towards the cost of higher education in both public and private institutions *anywhere in US.*

Time limit: 8 semesters (4 academic years) to be completed within 6 years from application.

Application and Information

Write to:
Bureau of Veterans Services
Camp Keys
Augusta, Maine 04330

*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate (proof of age and parental relationship) • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

[1] Free Tuition:
All branches of University of Maine.
All State Technical/Vocational Schools.
Maine School of Practical Nursing at Waterville.
Maine Maritime Academy at Castine.

*See Section 3

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MARYLAND

Article 96½, Sec 49 and 50
Annotated Code of Maryland

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran
Born prior to or during parent's POW/MIA status.

Residency requirement: POW/MIA's residence was Maryland at the time of POW/MIA classification.

Conditions: • Age—between 16 and 23. (To age 27 if served in military.)
• Approval of the institution by the State Scholarship Board.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any US educational or training institution of college grade
OR
any US institution of higher learning, commercial training, teachers college, vocational school,
OR
any US-accredited military preparatory school if student is preparing to enter a military academy.

Amount: $500 a year maximum to be paid to the institution for matriculation fees, board and room, books, and supplies.

Application and Information

Write to:
Maryland State Scholarship Board
2100 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate (indicating parents' names) • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

*See Section 3

MASSACHUSETTS — Two Laws

Law 1 — POW/MIA Scholarship

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA

Conditions: Applicant must be a graduate of a Massachusetts high school. A DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty,* must be submitted to the board.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Massachusetts operated public institution of higher education.

Amount: Tuition

Application and Information

Contact:
Board of Higher Education
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
182 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

Law 2—Child of Deceased Veteran (KIA) — General Laws, Chap. 69, Sec. 7B, as Amended by Chap. 492 of 1963

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran whose wartime record was credited to Massachusetts.

Residency requirements: The applicant must have been born in Massachusetts
OR
The applicant must have lived in Massachusetts for not less than 5 years.

Conditions: • Claim for this benefit must be made within two years after matriculation. • Age—between 16 and 24 years.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any State or county educational institution or other educational institution *approved in writing* by the Commissioner of Education.

Amount: • Not to exceed $700 paid to the applicant (or guardian)
• To be used for educational expenses proved by presentation of vouchers to the Commission.

Duration: 4 years. Student must maintain good standing in institution.

Application and Information

Contact:
Department of Education
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
182 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02111

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA claim number

*See Section 3

MICHIGAN

Senate Bill 1018—
Act No. 44
77th Legislature—
1974

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: Applicant must reside in Michigan for 12 months prior to making application.
OR
Parent's home State of residence was Michigan when MIA/KIA.

Conditions: Age—between 16 and 22 years of age.

Description of Benefit

Where: Eligible dependent shall be admitted to and may attend a Michigan State tax-supported educational or training institution. Secondary or college grade.

Amount: • Matriculation fee • Tuition • Athletic fee • Or any other fee which takes the place of tuition charges.

Application and Information

Write to:
Michigan Veterans Trust Fund
Board of Trustees, Room 379
3500 N. Logan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48913

*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number

MINNESOTA

POW/MIA Dependent Law:
197.09

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA parent was a Minnesota resident.

Description of Benefit

(1) Where: Any Minnesota State school of higher learning including vocational/technical schools.

What: Free tuition or charge.

(2) Where: Private school *in Minnesota.*

What: Rate is not to exceed tuition at State institutions.

Time limit: To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Write to:
Veterans' Benefits Division
Department of Veterans' Affairs
Veterans' Service Bldg
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

*Certification needed:**
• DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
• Birth Certificate

*See Section 3

MISSISSIPPI

H.B. 387, Chap. 459
1973

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA parent's house of record and residence was within the State of Mississippi.

OR

"Applicant's mother was a resident of Mississippi for a period not less than 10 years during her minority and is a resident or physically resides within Mississippi at the time of enrollment and during the enrollment and is a resident and physically resides within Mississippi at the time of passage of this act . . . April 9, 1973."

Conditions: Age—Up to age 23.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Mississippi State-supported college or university.

Amount: Free tuition (does *not* include books, food, school supplies, materials, and dues for extra curricular activities).

Time limit: • 8 semesters • Benefits cease on the first day of semester if it includes the 23rd birthday.

Application and Information

Application is to be made directly to the school.

Write to:
Admissions Officer:
Alcorn State University
Delta State University
Jackson State University
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
Mississippi Valley State University
University of Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Birth Certificate

MISSOURI

No educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

*See Section 3

MONTANA

Item: 5-006.R0774
Amended Feb 6, 1976

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA parent had legal residence in Montana at time of entry into service, or was a resident at time of POW/MIA status.

Conditions: Application must be approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education.

Description of Benefit

Where: Within the Montana University system.

What: Waiver of registration and incidental fees.

Time limit: • To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.
• Student must remain enrolled in good standing at the institution.

Application and Information

Write to:
Commissioner of Higher Education
The Montana University System
1231 Eleventh Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

Montana University system consists of:
University of Montana at Missoula
Montana State University at Bozeman
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at Butte
Western Montana College at Dillon
Eastern Montana College at Billings
Northern Montana College at Havre

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Birth Certificate

*See Section 3

NEBRASKA

State Statute 80-411

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: Applicant must be a resident of Nebraska for one year if POW/MIA/KIA parent was a resident of Nebraska at time of entering the Armed Forces

OR

Applicant has been a resident of Nebraska for 5 years or is married to a 5 year resident of Nebraska at time of application.

Conditions: • Age—Program must be completed before age 26. If in military service, add 5 years from discharge or to age 31, which is the final age limit. • Application for benefit must be made *prior* to entering school so that certification for eligibility can be established.

Description of Benefit

Where: University of Nebraska, Nebraska State College, and technical community colleges.

Amount: Waiver of tuition and base fees. Does *not* include laboratory fees, athletic tickets, etc.

Time limit: To obtain a Baccalaureate Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Write to:

Department of Veterans' Affairs
State Capitol Bldg
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Proof of Residence • VA Claim number

NEVADA

No Law—
Grants In Aid Program

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA

Residency requirement: Dependent must be a Nevada resident.

Description of Benefit

Where: University of Nevada, Las Vegas; University of Nevada, Reno; or one of the three Nevada community colleges.

Amount: Resident fees (similar to tuition).

Time limit: 36 months, full-time attendance.

Application and Information

University of Nevada System
Board of Regents
405 Marsh Ave.
Reno, Nevada 89509

*See Section 3

Law 1

CH. 54
187:14-A and 188-A: 8a
March 23, 1972

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA lists New Hampshire as his domicile.

Description of Benefit

Amount: Tuition

Where: • University of New Hampshire. • Plymouth State College • Kane State College.

Apply to: Board of Trustees at the college or university.

Where: New Hampshire technical institutes or vocational-technical schools

Apply to:
State Board of Education
163 Loudon Road
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Law 2

Scholarships for Orphans of Veterans 193.19—193.22

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran

Residency requirement: Veteran was legal resident of New Hampshire at time of death
AND
Applicant must be a legal resident of New Hampshire.

Conditions: • Age—Between the ages of 16 and 25 years. • Applicant must be accepted at an institution. • Applicant must show a financial need for benefit.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any New Hampshire institutions of secondary or college grade.

Amount: $250 per year paid to the institution.

Time limit: 4 years.

Application and Information

Write to:
New Hampshire State Department of Education
Division of Post Secondary Education
163 Loudon Road
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

*Certification needed:** • VA Claim Number • Assessment of financial need form (Provided by New Hampshire)

*See Section 3

NEW JERSEY — Two Laws

Law 1

POW/MIA Law: H.B. 5529-1976

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed MIA/POW • Returned POW • Deceased MIA/POW
Born before or during POW/MIA status.

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of New Jersey at the time of entry into military service.
OR
Official residence of POW/MIA is New Jersey

Conditions: Applicant must be accepted for enrollment at school.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any New Jersey State supported institution of higher education, including technical or vocational school.

Amount: Free tuition.

Time Limit: To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Write to:
New Jersey Department of Higher Education
225 West State Street
P.O. Box 1293
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty.

Law 2

Scholarships for Orphans of Veterans: 38-20-1 to 20-4

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran who died as a result of Active Service in Armed Forces.

Residency requirement: Veteran entered military service from New Jersey.

Conditions: Unknown.

Description of Benefit

Where: At New Jersey secondary or college schools.

Amount: $500 maximum a year for tuition, fees, board, room, supplies, and other expenses.

Application and Information

Write to:
Bureau of Veterans Services
Dept of Institutions and Agencies
P.O. Box 1720
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

*See Section 3

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NEW MEXICO

Children of Deceased Military Personnel, Chapter 170, NM Law of 1949, as Amended.

Who is Eligible

Child of: Veteran killed in action or died of war-related causes.

Residency requirement: Veteran was a resident of New Mexico at the time of entry into military Service.

Conditions: • Age—From 16 through age 26. • Approval of application is made on the basis of need and merit.

Description of Benefit

Where: New Mexico State educational or training institution of a secondary or college grade.

Amount: Free tuition.
AND
Not more than $300 per year payable to the institution.

Application and Information

Write to:
New Mexico Veterans' Service Commission
P.O. Box 2324
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

*Certification needed:** VA Claim Number.

*See Section 3

NEW YORK — Two Laws

Law 1 — POW/MIA Education Law 613.2.2D added by Ch. 698 of 1972

Who is Eligible

Child of: Currently listed POW/MIA.

Residency requirement: • POW/MIA was legal resident of New York at the time of entry into service
AND
Child must be a legal resident of New York at the time of application.

Description of Benefit

Where: In New York State approved regents program. • College, hospital school, business, trade, or technical school. • Or a 2 year nondegree program in a private business school.

Amount: $450 per year.

Time limit: 4 academic years.

Application and Information

Write to:
Higher Education Assistance Corporation
Albany, New York 12230

*Certification needed:** DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

Law 2 — Education Law 613

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Deceased Veteran • 50% or more disabled veteran with service-connected injuries.

Residency requirement: Applicant must be a New York State resident
AND
Veteran must have been a legal resident of New York State at time of induction, death, or disability.

Description of Benefit

Where: In New York State approved program. • College, hospital school, business, trade, or technical school • Or in 2 year nondegree program in a private business school

Amount: $450 per year.

Application and Information

Write to: • Higher Education Services Corporation, Albany, New York 12230 • Or apply through the high school.

*Certification needed:** VA Claim Number

*See Section 3

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • 100% Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina when entering Service

OR

Child (applicant) was born and has lived in North Carolina continuously since birth

OR

that child's mother was born in North Carolina, is and was a resident, but accompanied husband on service tour and then returned to North Carolina.

Conditions: Applicant must have completed high school or the equivalent.

Description of Benefit

Where: In North Carolina State or private educational institution

Amount: • Tuition • A reasonable allowance for board and room. • Matriculation and other required fees, excluding charges for books, supplies, and clothing • Or $930 per nine month academic year while attending a private school.

Time limit: 4 academic years (need not be consecutive years). Applicant must maintain academic status and abide by the rules of the school.

Application and Information

Application must be made between Sept 1 and May 1 prior to entering school.

Write to:
Veterans Service Office
Division of Veterans Affairs
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Transcript of high school grades.

*See Section 3

NORTH DAKOTA

POW/MIA Law: 15-10-18.2 and 3

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA (born before or during POW/MIA status).

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of North Dakota at the time of entering military service.

Conditions: Applicant must be accepted for enrollment at State school

Description of Benefit

Where: Any North Dakota State supported institution, college, university, technical, or vocational school.

Amount: Tuition and fees.

Time limit: • 36 months or 8 semester periods • To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Write to:
Board of Higher Education
Capitol Building
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

*Certification needed:** DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty. • Birth Certificate

*See Section 3

OHIO

Ohio Revised Code
Law: Section 5910.03
POW/MIA Law is in [illegible]0.032

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: Applicant must have resided in Ohio for at least preceding year *if* • POW/MIA entered the Service as a legal resident of Ohio
OR
POW/MIA was a legal resident of Ohio at the time of POW/MIA status
OR
Applicant has resided in Ohio for the last preceding 5 years if parent is a non-resident.

Conditions: • Age—must make application between ages 16 and 21.
• Applicant must be in financial need as determined by the board.
• Applicant must be recommended by the high school principal.

Description of Benefit

Where: Ohio State supported colleges and universities which are approved by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents.

Amount: • Exemption from the payment of instructional and general fees. • Reasonable expenses for room, board, books, and laboratory fees.

Time limit: 4 scholastic years. Minimum scholastic requirements must be maintained.

Application and Information

Application must be submitted before July 1.

Write to:
Ohio Board of Regents
30 East Broad Street
36th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • A brief autobiographical statement • Recommendation by the high school principal.

*See Section 3

If federal funds are provided for tuition of dependent, this act is not applicable. (This limitation is presently being reconsidered and may be eliminated.)

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA (born before or during POW/MIA status).

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of Oklahoma at the time of entry into military service
OR
Official residence of POW/MIA is Oklahoma.

Condition: Applicant must be accepted for enrollment at school.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Oklahoma State supported institution of higher education, including technical or vocational school.

Amount: Free tuition.

Time limit: To obtain a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

Application and Information

Write to:
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
500 Education Building
State Capitol Complex
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

or contact: Any State supported institution.

*Certification needed:** DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty.

OREGON No educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

PENNSYLVANIA POW/MIA Law: No. 213 1972

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least 12 months preceding his service on active duty.

Conditions: • Applicant must be a high school graduate. • The school, and program of education, must be approved by Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any approved US School of higher learning • colleges, trade, business, and nursing schools.

Amount: • In-State: Tuition and fee charges at the institution of higher learning OR
$1200 per year, whichever is the lesser. • Out-of-State: $800 per year.

Time limit: • Must attend at least one-half time basis for a duration of at least one academic year or its equivalent. • Scholarships proportionate to less-than-full-time students.

Application and Information

Write to:
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
Towne House
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Proof of parents' Pennsylvania residency • Social Security Number.

*See Section 3

RHODE ISLAND

Law: Title 30
Chapters 26 and 30

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased POW/MIA/KIA • Over 50% Disabled Veteran from war-related causes.

Residency requirement: • Veteran was a resident of Rhode Island at the time of entry into military service.
OR
Applicant has resided in Rhode Island continuously for 5 years.

Conditions: Age—Applicant must enroll in school between ages 16 and 21.

Description of Benefit

Where: University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, or any institution of higher learning within the State.

Amount: • Tuition, matriculation fees, board, room rent, books, or supplies. • Paid in whole or in part to institution.

Time limit: • To obtain a degree or Certificate of Completion. • No more than 4 years • Student must maintain scholastic standards and conform to college regulations and rules.

Application and Information

Write to:
State Scholarship Program
Department of Education
Roger Williams Building
Hayes Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Birth Certificate—to show age and parentage • Proof of residency for child or parent

*See Section 3

SOUTH CAROLINA

Law: 1974
POW/MIA/KIA R 1009
S 762, Section 25-26
as Amended

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • 100% Disabled Veteran

Residency requirement: Veteran was a resident of South Carolina at the time of entry into service and during service.

Description of Benefit

Where: South Carolina State supported college, university, or post high school technical institution.

Amount: Waiver of tuition.

Time limit: • Must complete education by age 26. (Some exceptions are made up to age 31.) • Work and conduct must be satisfactory to the governing body of the institution.

Application and Information

Write to:
South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs
Brown Building
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number

*See Section 3

SOUTH DAKOTA

Two Laws

Law 1 — POW/MIA Dependents Law 13-55-9.1 to 13-55-9.7

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA born before or during POW/MIA status

Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of South Dakota at time of entering military service.

OR

POW/MIA was, or is, a resident of South Dakota.

Conditions: Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in school.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any South Dakota State-supported institution of higher education or State-supported technical or vocational school.

Amount: • Free tuition and mandatory fees other than subsistence expenses. • Eligibility for, and the amount of, Federal benefits will be evaluated to determine amount of State benefit provided.

Time limit: • 8 semesters or 12 quarters. • Full or part-time study.

Application and Information

Write to:
Board of Regents
State Capitol Bldg
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Or apply: To the registrar at any State-supported college.

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Social Security Number

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Law 2 — Education for Orphans of Deceased Veterans 13-5

Who is Eligible

Child of: Veteran who died while in military service.

Residency requirements: Applicant is a South Dakota resident and either parent was a bona fide resident for at least 6 months preceding Aug. 5, 1964.

Conditions: • Age—Applicant must be under 25 to apply. • Approval of application must be made by Board of Regents.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any South Dakota State educational institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

Amount: Provides payment of charges or costs.

Application and Information

Write to:
Board of Regents
State Capital Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Or apply: To the registrar at any State-supported college.

*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • VA Claim Number • Social Security Number

*See Section 3

TENNESSEE

Law: 1972
Supp Amends 49.3222

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA)
Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a resident of Tennessee at the time of entry into service.
Conditions: • Age—under the age of 21 • Applicant must have necessary scholastic qualifications required for admission to school.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Tennessee college, normal, or university, owned, operated, and maintained by the State of Tennessee.
Amount: • Free tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees, and registration fees. • Shall be admitted without cost.

Application and Information

Contact:
Tennessee Division of Veterans' Affairs
215 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
*Certification needed:** • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

TEXAS

Texas Education Code
Chapter 54

Exemption of fees and tuition in State of Texas educational institutions is only available after entitlement to Federal benefits is exhausted. (This limitation is presently being reconsidered and may be eliminated.)

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA)
Residency requirement: • Veteran was legal resident of Texas at the time of entering military service.
AND
• Applicant must be a legal resident of Texas at the time of application.

Description of Benefit

Where: Texas State-supported colleges or universities.
Amount: Free tuition and fees.
Time limit: None given.

Application and Information

Contact:
Veterans Affairs Commission
Box 12277, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Or apply: Through your high school guidance counselor or financial aid officer at the State institution.
*Certification needed:** • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty
• Proof of residence

*See Section 3

UTAH No known educational benefits law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

However: Individual scholarships may be granted to POW/MIA dependents by writing directly to the governor:

Honorable Scott C. Matheson
Governor of Utah
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110

Salutation should read: Dear Governor Matheson,

VERMONT
No post secondary educational benefit law for POW/MIA/KIA dependents.

VIRGINIA (H-45) 23-7.1 As Amended

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally disabled Veteran
Residency requirement: Either parent was a citizen of Virginia at the time of entering service.
Conditions: • Age—Between 16 and 25. • Application for benefit must be approved by the Director.

Description of Benefit

Where: In Virginia State institutions • Secondary grade or college grade
Amount: • Free tuition and institutional charges, fees, board and room rent, books, and supplies. • Maximum amount shall not be more, when *combined with Federal allowance,* than the actual cost of tuition and fees. • Student must maintain attendence and satisfactory progress.

Application and Information

Contact:
Director
Division of War Veterans' Claims
Commonwealth of Virginia
210 Franklin Road, SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24011
*Certification needed:** • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

*See Section 3

WASHINGTON — Two Laws

Law 1

POW/MIA Law: 28A.09.200 and 28B.10.265

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Returned POW • Deceased POW/MIA
Residency requirement: POW/MIA was a Washington State domicilliary (legal resident).

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Washington State public institution of higher learning. Any Washington State public vocational/technical school.
Amount: Waiver of tuition, operating fees, service and activities fees.
Time limit: Full or part-time, including summer term.
Conditions: Must maintain scholastic standards of the institution.

Application and Information

Contact:
Admissions Officer
Washington State School where you plan to attend
OR
Council for Post Secondary Education
Division of Student Financial Aid
1677 South Second
Tumwater, Washington 98504
*Certification needed:** • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty • Birth Certificate (for age and parentage)

Law 2

Law: 28B.10.250 & .255

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran
Residency requirement: Applicant must be a permanent resident of Washington.
Conditions: • Age—Not under 16 and not over 22 years (if 23rd birthday occurs during a given term, exemption will continue until the end of the term.)
• Need for financial assistance must be shown.

Description of Benefit

Where: Washington State funded post secondary institution. *Does not include* private, proprietary, and vocational/technical institutes.
Amount: Waiver of tuition (except summer school). *Does not include* fees, board, room, etc.

Application and Information

Contact:
Admissions Officer
Washington State school where you plan to attend.
OR
Council for Post Secondary Education
Division of Financial Aid
908 East Fifth Street
Olympia, Washington 98504
*Certification needed:** • Birth Certificate (proof of age and parentage) • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

*See Section 3

WEST VIRGINIA

No POW/MIA Law:
War Orphans Education
Program 18-19-1 thru 4

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran (KIA)
Residency requirement: Applicant must have been a West Virginia resident for one year immediately prior to application.
Conditions: Age 16 to 23.

Description of Benefit

Where: In West Virginia State-supported schools.
Amount: • Free tuition • $500 per year maximum for fees, board, room, books, etc. • $300 per year maximum for high school students.

Application and Information

Contact:
West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs
612 Atlas Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
*Certification needed:** VA Claim Number

WISCONSIN

Vietnam Era Veterans
Educational Grant Program
Law: Chap. 45.28

Who is Eligible

Child of: Deceased Veteran (KIA)
Residency requirement: Veteran was a Wisconsin resident upon entry into military service
AND
Applicant is a resident of Wisconsin.
Conditions: Financial need must be shown to qualify.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Wisconsin school accredited by the Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board, including: • University of Wisconsin campus or center • State Vocational/Technical and Adult Education System • Accredited *private* colleges, universities, and vocational/technical, career-type schools.
Amount: • $200 per academic year maximum for single applicants • $400 per academic year maximum for married applicants
Time limit: • 4 academic years. • For full-time undergraduate study only. • Student must reapply each year.

Application and Information

Apply to:
County Veterans Service Officer
(County of residency of the applicant)
Or to:
Department of Veterans Affairs
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
*Certification needed:** VA Claim Number
Also available: A program of financial assistance to child of deceased veteran for correspondence courses and part-time classroom study. Law: Chapter 45.396

*See Section 3

Who is Eligible

Child of: •Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Veteran (KIA)
Residency requirement: • Veteran was a resident of Wyoming at the time of entering military service
AND
Applicant is a resident of Wyoming.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any Wyoming State institutions: Elementary, secondary, and college grades. Business colleges, vocational training schools.
Amount: • Free tuition, matriculation, and other fees • To enable applicant to engage in any useful trade, occupation, or profession.

Application and Information

Apply directly to Wyoming State institution you will attend
Or to:
Legislative Services Officer
Room 123
State Capitol Building
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002
*Certification needed:** • VA Claim Number • DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Dependents Educational Assistance
(Junior GI Bill)

Federal Law:
Chapter 35
Title 38,
US Code

Who is Eligible

Child of: • Deceased Veteran (KIA) • Totally Disabled Veteran • Currently listed POW/MIA.

Provisions: • Counseling will be available without charge. • Application should be submitted while in high school (or earlier, if vocational education is desired).

Limitations: Eligible person will not be paid if:

• On active duty in military • A government employee receiving full salary while in school paid for by Government Employees Training Act. • Receiving benefits from the Bureau of Employees Compensation.

Age limit: • Between 18 and 26 years of age (occasional waiver of age limits).

Description of Benefit

Where: • Colleges and universities, technical/vocational schools. • Business schools and facilities that have apprenticeship or on-the-job training.

Amount: • Up to $292 a month during months attending school. • Up to $235 a month for co-op training institute. • To obtain advance payment, apply while in high school.

Time limit: • Up to 45 months • To obtain Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion • Tutorial assistance is also available.

For application, request: VA Form 22-5490.

For additional information, request: VA Pamphlets 20-67-1 and 22-73.3. Apply to the VA Regional Office in your State.

Include in letter: • Your full name • Your address • VA Claim Number • Your relationship to parent

MILITARY ACADEMY CANDIDATES

Who is Eligible

Child of: • KIA and Deceased Veterans • 100% Disabled Veteran • *Currently listed POW/MIA* military and civilians who meet the academic requirements.

Application requirements: Preferably be in top 20% of class and not less than top 40% of class.

Applicant should: • Plan in early high school for courses needed to attend academy. • Request application during his/her junior year in high school. • Take SAT or CEEB or ACT while in high school.

Application and Information

Should be requested by letter from:

1. Commander
   Military Personnel Center
   Department of the Army
   Alexandria, Virginia 22332
   Attn: Military Academy Branch

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2. Associate Director of Admissions
   The United States Air Force Academy
   Colorado 80840

3. Superintendent
   US Naval Academy
   Annapolis, Maryland 21402
   Attn: Candidate Guidance

Provide in letter: Your full name. Your address. Relationship to POW/MIA parent.

THE KISSINGER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Given in memory of his parents.

Who is Eligible

• Natural or adopted child or stepchild of American Serviceman officially designated as Missing-In-Action or Killed-In-Action in Indochina after December 11, 1961.

Selection criteria: Applicant must have:

• Applied for Social Security benefits and VA educational benefits. • Be under 24 years of age. • Taken the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) • Be a high school senior or undergraduate student in good standing.

Description of Scholarship

Where: • Any US accredited 2 or 4 year college or university • Any approved post secondary school. • A hospital school of nursing. LPN—(Licensed Practical Nursing) programs are *not* approved. • No scholarships given for graduate study

Amount: • Up to $1000 a year based on need. • Awards announced in April.

Time limit: • 4 academic years or equivalent • Must be renewed each year with evidence of satisfactory academic progress.

Application and Information

Write to:

Kissinger Scholarship Program
Educational Testing Service
Box 176
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

PUROLATOR SERVICES, INC. POW/MIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Who is Eligible

• Natural or adopted child, stepchild, or legal ward of an American Serviceman officially designated a Prisoner-of-War or Missing-In-Action in Southeast Asia.

Selection criteria: The applicant must:

• Be a high school graduate or attend preparatory school. • Have a SAT score or ETS score. • IF SAT scores are tied, financial need is considered.

Award Description

What: 1 scholarship per year of $10,000, paid $2,500 each year to the institution for educational expenses.

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Where: Any accredited college, university, or two-year community college.

Time limit: • 4 years maximum. • Undergraduate studies only. • Letter of renewal must be submitted each year to include passing grades, campus activities, and other activities of interest.

To Request Application

Write to:

Scholarships
Purolator Services, Inc.
3333 New Hyde Park Road
New Hyde Park, New York 11040

RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Who is Eligible*

Child of: • Currently listed POW/MIA • Deceased Vietnam Veteran who flew at least one combat mission over North Vietnam.

Selection criteria: • Applicant must have been accepted or enrolled at accredited college. • Applicant must submit with application:

• Transcript of high school or college grades. • SAT score or equivalent. • Statement of marital status. • A photograph • A list of outside activities in church, school, and community. • Letter from parent or sponsor, stating need, motivation, and other helpful information. • Application must be made before 20 June.

Award Description

Several scholarships awarded each year from $500 to $1000, paid to the college.

To Request Application

Write to:
Red River Valley Scholarship Foundation
P.O. Box 583
Springfield, Virginia 22150

* Children of returned POW's are no longer eligible.

THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Interest Free Student Loans

Who is Eligible

Natural child or ward of: • Active duty or retired military • POW/MIA and returned POW • Deceased Veteran (KIA)

Selection criteria: Applicant must be:

• Of good character and adequate scholastic ability. • High school graduate. • Have a financial need for assistance.

Award Description

• 4 years of higher education. • To obtain Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion.

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Application and Information

Write to:

Secretary
Scholarship Committee
The Retired Officers Association
1625 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006

SCAMP

Scholarships for Children of American Military Personnel
Provided by the Air Force Association

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • Missing-In-Action • Killed-In-Action • Prisoner-Of-War during Southeast Asia conflict.

Selection criteria: • SAT score • Academic achievement • Description of activities

Description of Benefit

• $1000 per year • Reapplication and update requested each year. • Scholarships are presented at the annual Air Force Ball in California.

To Request Application and Information

Write to:

SCAMP
c/o Mr. Martin Ostrow
212 South Gale Drive
Suite 200
Beverly Hills, California 90211

CALIFORNIA RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Given by the California Auxiliary of the American Legion (2 Scholarships)

Scholarship 1

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • 1. WWI, WWII, Korean, or Vietnam War Veteran. Applicant must be a California resident for 5 years. • 2. *Missing-In-Action* or hospitalized parent. Applicant must be a California resident (no time limit).

Selection criteria: Applicant must:
• show financial need, ability, and other achievements. • Be a high school senior to apply.

Award amount: Three—$500 gift scholarships per year.

Scholarship 2

Who Is Eligible

Child of: • 1. WWI, WWII, Korean, or Vietnam War Veteran. Applicant must be a California resident for 5 years. • 2. *Missing-In-Action* or hospitalized parent. Applicant must be a California resident (no time limit).

Selection criteria: Applicant should desire to become a teacher, therapist, nurse, or medical professional.

Award amount: Five gift scholarships of $800, payable $200 a year.

Application Request

For both scholarships write to:

Auxiliary Department Headquarters
113 War Memorial Bldg
San Francisco, California 94102

Or contact: American Legion Auxiliary in your community.

VIRGINIA RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Oceana Officers Wives Club Scholarship

Who is Eligible

Child of: Officers or enlisted personnel currently stationed or attached to Naval Air Station, Oceana
OR
Missing-In-Action, or personnel retired with pay, or deceased who lives in the local area.

Selection criteria: Applicant must have:

• Good moral character, motivation, financial need, scholastic ability. • High academic standing is *not* a primary consideration.

Award Amount: Unknown.

Application Request

Write to:

Scholarship Committee
Oceana Officers Wives Club
N.A.S. Oceana
Virginia Beach, Virginia 25460

MARYLAND RESIDENT AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

Who is Eligible

Child of: returned POW. Children of deceased POW/MIA's will be considered if need is shown and money is available.

Residency requirement: The POW/MIA was a resident of Maryland when entering service, OR at the time of POW/MIA status.

Conditions: Board approval determines selection.

Description of Benefit

Where: Any United States accredited college, university or post secondary school.

Amount: $1000 a school year, paid to the registrar (possibly more, based on need).

Time Limit: If satisfactory progress is maintained, the scholarship is renewed yearly until a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Completion is obtained.

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Application and Information

Write to:

POW/MIA Foundation
American Legion
War Memorial Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Section 3

Facts and Forms to assist you in applying for Grants and Scholarships

To avoid confusion and delay, always include the State law (or code) number when you request information, or application, for State Educational Benefits. In this pamphlet, the number follows the name of the State in the "Description of State Laws," section one.

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How to provide proof that your parent was a POW/MIA:

- YOU WILL REQUIRE DD Form 1300, REPORT OF CASUALTY.

Address an envelope to your parent's branch of service.

- Department of the Air Force
  A.F.M.P.C./D.T.M.C.
  Randolph AFB, Texas 78148
- Department of the Army, Headquarters
  DAAF/PES
  Washington, DC 20314
- Commandant of the Marine Corps
  Code M.S.P.A.-1
  Headquarters, US Marine Corps
  Washington, DC 20380
- Bureau of Navy Personnel
  Personnel Organization
  POW/MIA Affairs
  Room 2802
  Navy Annex
  Washington, DC 20370

The letter of request should read:

. . . . . .

Date: _____

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of the DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty for:

Parent's full name _____

Parent's Social Security No. _____

Date of incident _____

Date of status change _____

I am:

Your full name _____

Relationship to parent _____
(Son, daughter, adopted, ward)

Your address _____

_____

_____

Signature _____

How to Locate
Veterans' Administration
Claim Number .

(Otherwise known as "V.A. Claim No.")

—This applies to deceased and disabled veterans *only*—

1. • What was your POW/MIA/KIA parent's Social Security Number?
   Social Security No. _____
2. • What, if different, was your POW/MIA/KIA parent's Military Service Number?
   Military Service No. _____

- The *V.A. Claim Number is* most probably the *Social Security Number* you have written. However, the Veterans' Administration may request both numbers.
- All claims are paid from the nearest Veterans' Administration Regional Office in the State where you live. Verify your parent's correct claim number with them.

You *must* have the V.A. Claim Number:

- To apply for V.A. educational benefits through the college or institution you plan to, or now, attend.
- To prove your eligibility when sending in applications for State scholarships and other educational scholarships.

How to obtain
a Social Security Number

You must fill out and submit an application.
Applications are available on request by:
Telephone
Letter (don't forget your return address)
Or apply in person to the Social Security Office in your area.

Certificates needed:

1. Evidence of age and citizenship—
   Use your Birth Certificate *OR* Baptismal Certificate
2. Evidence of identity:
   Any document which shows either your signature or photograph, such as:
   - Drivers license
   - Military dependents identification card
   - Passport
   - Credit card, if signature is shown

Allow 4 weeks to get your Social Security card after mailing application with necessary documents.

If you have lost your Social Security card:
Contact any Social Security Office to get a duplicate of the lost card.

"Proof of Residence" is required by many States to prove:

- Year of entry into military service by POW/MIA or
- Year of entry into POW/MIA status.
- You reside in the State

This proof can be obtained by providing one or more of the following:

1. The Vietnam Bonus was collected from the State.
2. A copy of the State Income Tax Statement for the year specified.
3. Voting registration card in the State for the year specified.
4. Car registration in the State for the year specified.
5. High school or college transcript giving date and home address.
6. Signed letters from neighbors or friends verifying the date and address for the year specified.
7. A *DA 41, Emergency Data Form*, which gives a permanent "Home of Record" address of your parent. This form can be obtained from the same address as when requesting DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty (page 55.)

When requesting proof of residence, always include:

- Your name
- Your home address
- Reason for request (to apply for scholarship)
- The *needed* year and address for verification required by the State law.

How to obtain a copy of your Birth Certificate:

Birth Certificates are frequently requested to prove your age and the relationship to your POW/MIA/KIA parent.

Born in United States

Request a copy by phone or letter to the:

Courthouse City or County State	where you were born	Department of Health State Capitol State

Include:

- Your full name
- Your address
- Month, day, year of birth
- A fee of $1 up to $5 may be required

Born Out of Country

Mail your request for a certificate to:

Authentication Officer
Department of State
Room 2813
Washington, DC 20520

Include:

- Money order or check—$3 for 1st copy; $1.50 for each additional copy.
- Your full name
- Your address
- Date of birth
- Country of birth

Normal process time is 6-8 weeks

Adoption or Legal Custody Certificate

Write your request to:

Orphans Court/Domestic Relations Court
Courthouse
City or County } where adoption occurred
State

Include:

- Your full name
- Your adopted parents' names
- Date (or year) that adoption or legal custody occurred.

If You Cannot Locate Your Birth or Adoption Certificate:

Write to:

Department of Commerce
Bureau of Census
Age Search Information, Bldg 3
Washington, DC 20233

Request a BC-600 Form

When the form arrives, you will need:

- Money order or check for $7.50
- Your name
- Return address
- Date and place of birth (or adoption)

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Where to Find Additional Education Opportunities for Military Dependents

- *"Need A Lift"*
  American Legion
  Education and Scholarship Program
  Dept A, P.O. Box 1055
  Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

  50¢ a copy
  - An excellent resource book

- *Scholarship pamphlets*

  Request:

  - *USN, USMC, USCG Dependents*
    NAVPERS 15003-E Pamphlet

  Send to:

  Department of the Navy
  Bureau of Naval Personnel
  Washington, D. C. 20370

  Extensive listing of scholarships for military dependents

- *Dependents Educational Scholarships, Loans, and Financial Aids:*
  DA Pam No. 352-2

  Send to:

  Headquarters, Department of the Army
  Education Directorate
  Forrestal Building
  Washington, D.C. 20314

  An information pamphlet for all military dependents

Where to find additional information on scholarships, grants and loans

Many resource books and pamphlets should be available at your
- Local library
- School counselor office

The most informative, easy to read book on the subject is:

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans V.5
by Dr. S. Norman Feingold
Bellman Publishing Co.
Mail Order Dept PG
P.O. Box 164
Arlington, Massachusetts 02174 — $17.00

Other resource books include:

The College Blue Book
Scholarships, Fellowship, Grants and Loans
Macmillan Publishing Co.
New York, New York — $29.95

The Student Aid Annual
Chronicle Guidance Publications
Moravia, New York — $ 7.50

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